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TO: ENERGY STAR® Home Electronics Partners and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Craig Hershberg, EPA Program Manager

RE: Clarification to the Audio/DVD Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Version 1.0 for Inclusion of CD Recorders/Burners

Below is a clarification from the ENERGY STAR Program addressing the inclusion of CD recorders/burners to the Audio/DVD MOU – Version 1.0. This clarification comes as the result of Partner questions on this issue. Please note that this document can also be found on the ENERGY STAR Web site at http://www.epa.gov/appdstar/home_electronics/index.html.

This clarification is effective immediately. If you wish to refer to the Audio/DVD – Version 1.0, you may access it via the ENERGY STAR Web site at http://www.epa.gov/appdstar/home_electronics/pdf/audiomou.pdf.

ENERGY STAR Qualification for CD Recorders/Burners

Section IV.C. of the Audio/ DVD MOU – Version 1.0 is clarified below to include CD recorders/burners in addition to CD players/changers.

C. Types of Qualifying Products

For the purposes of this MOU, ENERGY STAR Partner agrees that consumer audio and DVD products include the following: cassette decks, CD players/changers, **CD recorders/burners**, clock radios, DVD products, equalizers, laserdisc players, mini- and midi-systems, minidisc players, powered speakers, rack systems, stereo amplifiers/pre-amplifiers, stereo receivers, table radios, and tuners.

After metering several CD recorders/burners, EPA noted that the wattage was similar to other ENERGY STAR labeled consumer audio products. EPA decided on the basis of these similarities, that it was appropriate to include CD recorders/burners in the ENERGY STAR labeled audio/DVD products specification. As a consumer audio product, CD recorders/burners must consume 2 Watts or less in Standby mode in order to qualify as ENERGY STAR. Please note that the energy efficiency specification for consumer audio and DVD products remains the same (i.e., 2 Watts and 3 Watts, respectively, for Phase 1).

Attached is a revised product information form for home audio and DVD products. As manufacturers submit product information, EPA will include qualified CD recorders/burners in its monthly product listing. Please go to the ENERGY STAR Web site at http://www.epa.gov/appdstar/home_electronics/list.html for updates and new information.

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